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Serial No. 09/994,585Remarks

Claims 1, 15, 51, 66, and 81-150 are currently pending. Claims 2-14, 16-50, 52-65 and 67-80 have been canceled. Of the currently pending claims, claims 1, 15, 51, and 66 stand withdrawn from consideration. Accordingly, claims 81-150 are currently before the Examiner and under examination with claims 81-131, 142, and 150 reading on the elected invention, namely: 1) a medium comprising crystallized calcium oxalate as the disease causing substance; 2) salts of citric acid as the elected "salt"; and 3) methods of detection that further comprises the use of Raman spectroscopy in addition to the elected species of polarized light analysis.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Epperson for the courtesy of providing the aforementioned Notice which has not, as of this date, been mailed from the Patent Office to the undersigned and which is not found in the Image File Wrapper of this application. As was discussed in the telephonic discussions held with Examiner Epperson, it was believed that the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment was issued as a result of a claim numbering error and a Supplemental Amendment to rectify this issue was filed in the Patent Office on June 17, 2004. In light of the Notice sent via facsimile to the undersigned on October 1, 2004, this communication is being provided to address the additional issue identified in the Notice.

Additionally, Applicant notes the comment made in the Notice relating to the payment of appropriate fees to extend the time period for response; however, it is not believed that any such fees were required by the first response. This response was filed on March 4, 2004 in response to an Office Action dated December 8, 2003. The timely due date for the aforementioned response was March 8, 2004; thus, it is respectfully submitted that no extensions of time were required for the filing of the response. Applicant further submits that no extension of time fees remain outstanding in this matter as they have not been notified of any other requirements by the Patent Office in communications setting time periods for response in this matter (*i.e.*, the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment dated May 26, 2004 has not, as of this date, been mailed from the Patent Office) and an image of the aforementioned Notice is not entered into the Image File Wrapper of this application.

Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

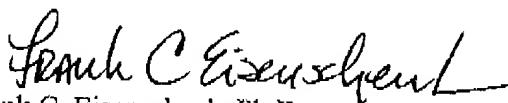
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Should any extension of time fees be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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